

Have you ever e-mailed your U.S. senators and representative asking them to vote a certain (Libertarian) way on a pending bill, only to have them e-mail you back a form letter thanking you for your interest in the issue and bragging about how they did you a favor and voted in just the opposite way? It happens to me a lot. Now, when it happens, I reply to their e-mail with this letter that I composed for them. Feel free to copy it and use it for that, or any other purpose.

To all Federally elected or appointed officials;

Just a friendly reminder...

It has come to our attention (**We The People**) that your behavior has frightened us and been severely injurious to our liberties. Our founding fathers were terrified of the unchecked power that a government could attain, subsequently bringing “misery upon its populace”, and therefore left for us a precious gift, a republican form of government wherein our liberties are protected by defining the limits of the power that our new government could wield.

They listed those limited powers in *Section 8* of our constitution (see below), and immediately upon convening the first session of congress, drafted the **Bill Of Rights**, the first ten amendments to the constitution, which were subsequently ratified. Just in case you didn't understand that the Constitution was designed to protect our rights by limiting the government to the powers in *Section 8*, the tenth amendment states in clear and unambiguous language.....

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Now, are **We The People** mistaken, or did you not put your hand on the Bible and take a solemn oath to uphold and defend this document? **We're** pretty sure you did.

Nothing in the constitution prevents states from creating welfare, healthcare or education systems, but clearly, there is no constitutional authority for the federal government to spend even a dime in these areas. In fact, any sensible reading of *Section 8* would lead to the “**self-evident**” conclusion that over 99 percent of the monies allocated in the TARP legislation, the stimulus package, and even the recent budget legislation, are in clear violation of these principals.

The idea that the federal government may take over banks, start new banks, fire company executives, set compensation for company executives, or give money to failing companies, is not just in violation of our constitution, but a total assault on it. You continue to create federal programs and agencies (over 1,400 at last count), that assail our states rights, and our individual rights to have a limited federal government.

The **Declaration of Independence** states: --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it.

Our problem is that our constitution is as near perfect a document as could be created by mortal man, yet you ignore it, and have become “destructive of these ends”, and **We The People** are very angry! We don't want to “alter or abolish” it, we want you to honor your oath, or resign and let us replace you with someone that will.

Sincerely;

We The People

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Reference

Section 8 of the US Constitution

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

- To borrow Money on the credit of the United States ;
- To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;
- To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States ;
- To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;
- To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States ;
- To establish Post Offices and post Roads;
- To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;
- To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;
- To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;
- To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;
- To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;
- To provide and maintain a Navy;
- To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;
- To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union , suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;
- To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;
- To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in

which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;--And

- ☐ To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.